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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: REPLY TO SAUDI ARABIA DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF CIVIL AVIATION

1. FYI: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS  
BOARD RECEIVED A LETTER DATED AUGUST 29 FROM ABDULLAH  
MAHDI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, IN WHICH HE  
REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN ORDER TO DISCUSS  
ESTABLISHING REGULAR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES.

2. NORMALLY THIS REQUEST SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO  
THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WASHINGTON OR DELIVERED TO  
THE SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMITTAL  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RATHER THAN DIRECTLY TO THE  
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD. HOWEVER, IN ORDER NOT TO RUFFLE  
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SENSITIVITIES, WE ARE NOT GOING TO POINT THIS OUT TOO

DIRECTLY TO THE SAUDIS, BUT PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER FOR YOUR TRANSMITTAL TO MR. MAHDI, ON OUR BEHALF, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. END FYI.

3. TEXT OF LETTER: DEAR MR. MAHDI: THANK YOU FOR YOUR

LETTER OF AUGUST 29, 1976 TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD IN WHICH YOU REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING ESTABLISHING REGULAR AIR SERVICES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOUR LETTER WAS REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF AVIATION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOR ACTION BECAUSE IT IS THE USUAL RECIPIENT OF INITIATIVES OF THIS TYPE.

WE WOULD WISH TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ALL THE ELEMENTS INVOLVE AND WE WILL THEREFORE BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN WHEN THIS REVIEW IS COMPLETED. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD EXPEDITE OUR CONSIDERATION OF YOUR REQUEST IF YOU COULD FURNISH ANY AVAILABLE DATA, INFORMATION, AND MARKET RESEARCH REGARDING YOUR PROPOSAL. I CAN ASSURE YOU THA CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR REQUEST. SINCERELY, (SIGNED - MICHAEL H. STYLES, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AVIATION). END TEXT. ROBINSON

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